

The Parable of the Soils

A Lesson About Receiving the Word

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Mark 4:1-9, 13-20; Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

Background and Setting

Jesus Tells a Simple Story

Jesus Names Four Types of Soil. They Are All Different

1. “Along the path” (ESV), “the wayside” (NKJV), and “the road” (NASB)
2. “Rocky ground” (ESV), “rock” (NKJV), and “rocky soil (NASB)
3. “Among thorns”
4. “Good soil” (ESV), “Good ground” (NKJV)

Subtle Points to Note

How You Hear Makes a Difference

The Explanation

The First Soil – The Wayside Hearer

The Second Soil – The Shallow Hearer

The Third Soil – The Worldly Hearer

The Fourth Soil – The Fruitful Hearer